

Feathers over Freeport - Sunday, May 1, 2016 – Bradbury Mountain State Park

Program Schedule

528 Hallowell Road, Pownal, ME 04069 / (207) 688-4712

8 - 10 am - Bird Walk: Join us for a walk in the woods seeking out spring migrants and woodland residents. All levels of expertise welcome. Bring your own binoculars. Walk led by Derek Lovitch of Freeport Wild Bird Supply, and others. **Meet at the group picnic shelter.**

9 am - 3 pm - Educational Displays: Get bird posters, while they last, courtesy of the Maine Wildlife Park and Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Learn what other Maine state parks have to offer! Taste bird-friendly Birds & Beans coffee. **Located at the group picnic shelter.**

9 am - 5 pm - Hawk Watch at summit: Join a Raptor Biologist on the top of Bradbury Mountain. Learn how experts observe, identify and count all raptor and vulture species that fly past Bradbury Mountain. **Note: Hike to Summit is 1/4-mile – A steep, short 15-minutes; commands a great view. Sponsored by, Freeport Wild Bird Supply.**

10 - 11 am - Bird Walk for Children: Birding is cool! Birding is fun! Imagine something you can do anywhere. You hear a bird, tilt your head to listen, and are able to name the species just from the sound or a quick glimpse. Your friends will be impressed! Join an expert naturalist on this beginning bird walk designed just for kids (children must be accompanied by parents or adults over 18). We will help you learn some of the basics of identifying birds. **Meet at the group picnic shelter.**

10 - Noon - Hawk Watch Workshop: Find out what is so intriguing (and so much fun!) about hawk watching. Join us on the summit of Bradbury Mountain for an introduction to this facet of bird watching as we cover the basics, such as why we're all standing around on this particular hill and how we conduct our research. Then, using visual aids and of course the birds themselves migrating over Bradbury Mountain, we will teach you what to look for in telling the different species of hawks apart from each other. Bring your own binoculars. Program led by Derek Lovitch of Freeport Wild Bird Supply. **Meet at the summit.**
Note: Hike to summit is 1/4-mile - A steep, short 15-minutes; commands a great view.

10 am - 3 pm - Birding Fun & Games: Build a bird house or make a backyard bird feeder while supplies last. On-going hands-on activities, and crafts designed for children and families of beginning birders will be available. Program led by Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands staff and volunteers. **Located near the group picnic shelter and the playground.**

11 am - 3 pm - Food Trucks: "Mainely Meatballs" and "Locally Sauced Burritos" have everything you need for a delicious lunch. **Setup will be near the group picnic shelter.**

12:30 - 2:00 pm - Vernal Pool Exploration: Wading into the Woodland Waters: Vernal pools are temporary water bodies which fill from snowmelt and spring rains and provide breeding habitat for amphibians including wood frogs, several species of mole salamanders and invertebrates such as fairy shrimp. Vernal pools make up an important base of the food web and provide a vast amount of biomass to the landscape. Join wetland expert Duane Choquette on a journey through this wonderful and incredibly important wetland habitat. We will learn how to identify a vernal pool and the critters that live in them. Be prepared for wet conditions and wear appropriate footwear. **Meet at the group picnic shelter.**

1 - 2 pm - Springtime Wildflower Walk: Join a ranger for a one-hour stroll to locate and identify common early wildflowers of Bradbury Mountain State Park. **Meet at the group picnic shelter.**

2:30 - 3:30 – Maine Birds of Prey! Center for Wildlife's exciting team of live, non-releasable bird "ambassadors" trained for presentation to audiences, including owls, hawks, and falcons, offer a unique opportunity to "bring lessons to life" and see local wildlife up close and personal. Spend the afternoon with us! **Held at the group picnic shelter. Sponsored by, Royal River Conservation Trust.**

AND don't forget... at Wolfe's Neck Woods: the Ospreys are there to watch!

www.maine.gov/feathersoverfreeport

Thank you to our event co-sponsors!

